

AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT

The following abstract will replace all prior versions of the abstract in the application:

~~The invention relates to a device~~Equipment for treating open beverage containers (3), e.g. by filling or closing, comprising: a treatment ~~station~~site (1), to which a container (3) can be delivered for treatment, and at which a treatment element (2) is situated that acts upon the mouth (6) of the container (3) from above, and; slit nozzles (4), which are situated to the side of the treatment ~~station~~site (1), and discharge clean gas, and which are designed for producing a gas curtain that protects the area of the mouth (6) of the container (3). The invention is characterized in that the slit nozzles (4) are placed in, in essence, oppositely oriented jet directions whereby between the slit nozzles (4), a pressure flow is produced having flow components exiting upward and downward from the area of the slit nozzles (4) perpendicular to the plane of symmetry (S). ~~The mouth (6) of the container (3) located in the treatment position is placed in one of the flow components, and the slit nozzles (4) are at least arranged upward or downward toward the free atmosphere~~ (7).